

TOWN OF NORTHFIELD

ANNUAL TOWN MEETING

MOTIONS

May 5, 2014 – 7:00 p.m.

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Northfield, Massachusetts

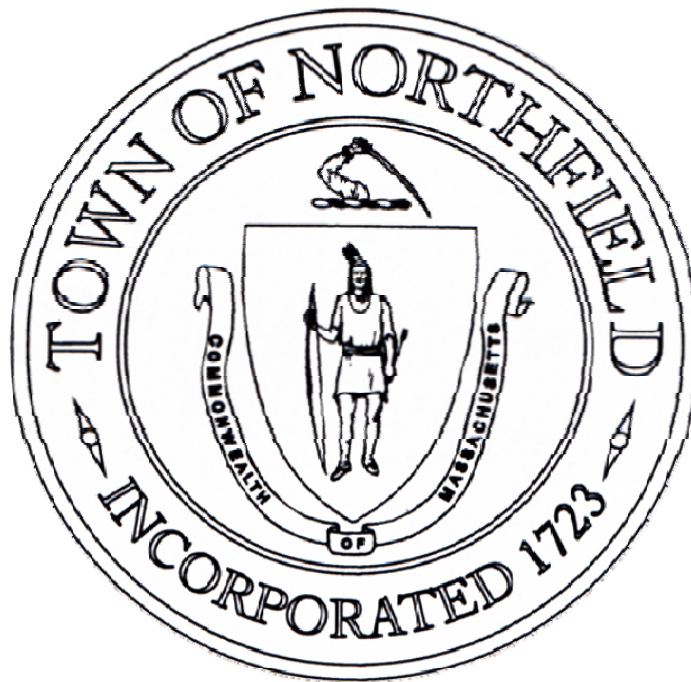


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MOTION: ARTICLE 1 WAIVING THE READING OF THE WARRANT

I move that the Town waive the reading of the Warrant and the Notice to the Constables and act on the motions of the following articles. ***Submitted by the Selectboard***

By: Jack Spanbauer Yes _____ No _____

MOTION: ARTICLE 2 REPORTS OF TOWN OFFICERS, BOARDS & COMMITTEES

I move that the Town hear and act upon the reports of the several Town Officers, Boards, Committees, Commissions and Trustees. ***Submitted by the Selectboard***

By: Jed Proujansky Yes _____ No _____

MOTION: ARTICLE 3 CHAPTER 90 FUNDS ACCEPTANCE

I move that the Town accept and expend any sum or sums of money that may be available from the Commonwealth of Massachusetts for Chapter 90-type construction, improvements or reconstruction of public ways and associated equipment; and further, to authorize the Selectboard to enter into contracts relative thereto and to appropriate said sum or sums in anticipation of reimbursement from the Commonwealth. ***Submitted by the Selectboard***

By: Dan Gray Yes _____ No _____

MOTION: ARTICLE 4 STATE AND FEDERAL GRANTS

I move that the Town authorize the Board of Selectmen to apply for state or federal grants and to expend any monies received, as set forth in the appropriate grant application. ***Submitted by the Selectboard***

By: Jack Spanbauer Yes _____ No _____

MOTION: ARTICLE 5 PROPOSITION 2 ½ OVERRIDE

I move that the Town approve that, upon exceeding the levy limit, any monies appropriated that exceed the Town Finance Committee recommendation under Article 6, or any other article of this Fiscal Year 2015 Annual Town Meeting, may be contingent upon the approval by the voters of an "override of Proposition 2 ½." ***Submitted by the Finance Committee***

By: Lois Stearns Yes _____ No _____

MOTION: ARTICLE 6 **FY 2015 OMNIBUS BUDGET**

I move that the Town fix the salaries of all elected officials for Fiscal Year 2015 and raise and appropriate \$7,127,122.75 for such salaries, the maintenance of the several departments of the Town, and for other necessary charges, in accordance with the amounts recommended by the Finance Committee as shown in the final column of Article 6 in the Warrant for the May 5, 2014 Annual Town Meeting.

Submitted by the Finance Committee

By: Lois Stearns Yes_____ No _____

MOTION: ARTICLE 7 PURCHASE OF A FIRE TRUCK

I move that the Town raise and appropriate a sum of \$100,000 toward the purchase of a new fire truck.

Submitted by the Selectboard

By: Jed Proujansky Yes_____ No _____

MOTION: ARTICLE 8 STABILIZATION TRANSFER FOR FIRE TRUCK

I move that the Town vote to transfer from the special Stabilization Fund a sum of \$350,000 to be added to the amount provided in Article 7 to enable the purchase of a pumper/tanker truck for the Fire Department.

Submitted by the Selectboard

By: Dan Gray Yes _____ No _____

MOTION: ARTICLE 9 FIREPROOF SAFES FOR THE ASSESSORS AND TOWN CLERK

To see if the Town will vote to raise and appropriate the sum of \$6,600 for the purchase of fireproof safes in the Town Hall for Town records.

Submitted by the Selectboard

By: Jack Spanbauer Yes_____ No _____

MOTION: ARTICLE 10 FIREPROOF SAFE FOR HISTORIC PRESERVATION

I move that the Town vote to appropriate for historical preservation purposes the sum of \$3,300 from the Community Preservation Fund for Historic Preservation for the purchase of a fireproof safe in which to protect historical record books, maps and documents presently stored in the Board of Assessor's Office and the Town Clerk's Office.

Submitted by the Community Preservation Committee

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By: Sue Handren Yes _____ No _____

MOTION: ARTICLE 11 EMS POSITIONS

I move that the Town vote to authorize the EMS Departmental to hire part-time - under 20 hours per week - paramedics to provide Advanced Life Support Services to Town residents.

Submitted by the Selectboard

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By: Jed Proujansky Yes _____ No _____

MOTION: ARTICLE 12 EMS ENTERPRISE FUND

I move that the Town vote to appropriate the sum of \$117,000.00 to operate the Emergency Medical Services Enterprise, as set forth in Article 12 of the May 5, 2014 Annual Town Meeting Warrant.

Submitted by the Selectboard

By: Dan Gray Yes _____ No _____

MOTION: ARTICLE 13 SEWER ENTERPRISE FUND

I move that the Town appropriate \$203,868.79 to operate the Sewer Enterprise, as set forth in Article 13 of the May 5, 2014 Annual Town Meeting Warrant.

Submitted by the Sewer Commission

By: Eric Meals Yes _____ No _____

MOTION: ARTICLE 14 DOG FUND TRANSFER: REGIONAL LIBRARY MEMBERSHIP

I move that the Town transfer \$3,500 from the "Dog Fund" account to supplement the Dickinson Memorial Library operating budget for the purpose of paying a portion of the annual fee for membership in the regional library system.

Submitted by the Board of Library Trustees

By: Jon McGowan Yes _____ No _____

MOTION: ARTICLE 15 LIBRARY WALKWAY PAVING

I move that the Town vote to raise and appropriate the sum of \$1,500 for the purpose of paving the walkway between the parking lot and the Dickinson Memorial library building.

Submitted by the Board of Library Trustees

By: Jon McGowan Yes _____ No _____

MOTION: ARTICLE 16 COMMUNITY PRESERVATION FUNDS ALLOCATION

I move that the Town vote to reserve from the FY 2015 Community Preservation Fund - Estimated Revenues, 10% (\$3,000) for open space purposes; 10% (\$3,000) for historic preservation; 10% (\$3,000) for affordable housing; and the remaining (\$19,500) for the FY 2015 Community Preservation Fund budgeted reserve.

Submitted by the Community Preservation Committee

By: Joan Deely Yes _____ No _____

MOTION: ARTICLE 17 GOALS OF THE 2014 MASTER PLAN

I move that the Town vote to support the eight primary goals of the 2014 Master Plan, as set forth in Article 17 of the May 5, 2014 Annual Town Meeting Warrant.

Submitted by the Planning Board

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By: Rich Fitzgerald Yes _____ No _____

MOTION: ARTICLE 18 ONE YEAR GROWTH RESTRICTION

I move that the Town vote to amend Article XII of the Northfield Protective Regulations By-Law, the One-Year Growth Restriction, as set forth in Article 18 of the May 5, 2014 Annual Town Meeting Warrant.
Submitted by the Planning Board

By: Rich Fitzgerald Yes _____ No _____

MOTION: ARTICLE 19 UPDATING THE TOWN'S ZONING BY-LAWS

I move that the Town vote to raise and appropriate \$27,000 to review and update of the Town's Zoning By-Laws.
Submitted by the Planning Board

By: Rich Fitzgerald Yes _____ No _____

MOTION: ARTICLE 20 REGISTERED VOTER REQUIREMENT FOR TOWN BOARDS

I move that the Town will vote to adopt a Registered Voter Requirement for Town Boards, as set forth in Article 20 of the May 5, 2014 Annual Town Meeting Warrant.
Submitted by the Selectboard

By: Jack Spanbauer Yes _____ No _____

MOTION: ARTICLE 21 BUDGET FOR THE VETERANS' MEMORIAL COMMITTEE

I move that the Town vote to raise and appropriate \$1,000 for a budget for the Veterans' Memorial Committee.
Submitted by the Trustees of the Veterans Memorial

By: Ray Zukowski Yes _____ No _____

MOTION: ARTICLE 22 ADMIN. ASSISTANT FOR TREASURER AND ACCOUNTANT

I move that the Town vote to raise and appropriate the sum of \$3,000 to hire an Administrative Assistant to serve the Town Treasurer and Town Accountant.
Submitted by the Selectboard

By: Jed Proujansky Yes _____ No _____

MOTION: ARTICLE 23 PRESERVATION OF THE MEMORIAL LIBRARY ENTRYWAY

I move that the Town vote to appropriate for historical preservation purposes the sum of \$8,000 for restoration and preservation of the front entryway at the Dickinson Memorial Library; \$7,700 to be appropriated from the Community Preservation Fund Reserve for Historic Preservation and \$300 to be appropriated from the Community Preservation Fund Undesignated Fund Balance.
Submitted by the Community Preservation Committee

By: Tony Matteo Yes _____ No _____

MOTION: ARTICLE 24 APPROPRIATION: COMMUNITY PRESERVATION FUND

I move that the Town vote to appropriate \$1,500 from the FY 2015 Community Preservation Fund - Estimated Revenues for administrative and operating expenses, to include hiring of an Administrative Assistant for the Northfield Community Preservation Committee.

Submitted by the Community Preservation Committee

By: Jenny Tufts Yes _____ No _____

MOTION: ARTICLE 25 WIRED WEST FEE

I move that the Town vote to raise and appropriate the sum of \$1,000 for the budget of the Telecommunications Department to pay a onetime fee for the Wired West Co-operative.

Submitted by the Selectboard

By: Jack Spanbauer Yes_____ No _____

MOTION: ARTICLE 26 RECYCLING PROGRAM REVOLVING FUND

I move that the Town vote to establish a revolving fund for Fiscal Year 2015 in accordance with M.G.L., Chapter 44, Section 53E ½ for the receipts related to the Town's recycling program and expenditures for the operation of the Town's solid waste and recycling programs, to be under the authority of the Board of Health and not to exceed \$60,000 in expenditures in Fiscal Year 2015.

Submitted by the Board of Health

By: Robert MacEwen Yes_____ No _____

MOTION: ARTICLE 27 NORTHFIELD ELEMENTARY CANOPY PROJECT

I move that the Town vote to raise and appropriate the sum of \$7,000 to extend the canopy at the parking lot entrance to the length of the cafeteria wall and add gutters to deflect snow and ice at the Northfield Elementary School. *Submitted by the Selectb*

Submitted by the Selectboard

By: Dan Gray Yes_____ No _____

MOTION: ARTICLE 28 NORTHFIELD ELEMENTARY PARTITION WALL REPAIR

I move that the Town vote to raise and appropriate the sum of \$5,000 to repair or replace partition restroom walls in the Northfield Elementary School Building. *Submitted by the Select Board*

Submitted by the Selectboard

By: Jack Spanbauer Yes_____ No _____

MOTION: ARTICLE 29 STIPEND FOR NORTHFIELD PVRS SCHOOL COMMITTEE

I move that the Town vote to raise and appropriate the sum of \$675 to re-establish a stipend of \$200 per member for Northfield members of the Pioneer Valley Regional School Committee; and further, that the

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stipend for the Chair of the Pioneer Regional School Committee when the Chair is a member from Northfield will be \$275. **Submitted by the Selectboard**

By: Jed Proujansky Yes _____ No _____

MOTION: ARTICLE 30 PIONEER VALLEY REGIONAL SCHOOL CAPITAL PROJECTS

I move that the Town vote to transfer from the FY' 14 Pioneer Valley Regional School Central Office Projects appropriation the sum of \$25,235 for Northfield's share of P.V.R.S. capital projects, as set forth in Article 30 of the May 5, 2014 Annual Town Meeting Warrant.

Submitted by the P.V. Regional School District

By: Pat Shearer Yes _____ No _____

MOTION: ARTICLE 31 P.V. REGIONAL SCHOOL TECHNOLOGY UPGRADE

I move that the Town vote to approve a borrowing in the amount of \$400,000 by the Pioneer Valley Regional School for the purpose of district-wide updating and replacing of technology infrastructure and end user equipment.

Submitted by the P.V. Regional School District

By: Pat Shearer Yes _____ No _____

MOTION: ARTICLE 32 RE-PURPOSING CAPITAL FUNDS FOR P.V.R.S.

I move that the Town vote to permit the Pioneer Valley Regional School to re-purpose up to \$45,000, allocated in Fiscal 2012 for HVAC repair, to conduct a feasibility study to formulate options for the Central Office buildings and prepare a recommendation to repair and renovate or rebuild.

Submitted by the P.V. Regional School District

By: Pat Shearer Yes _____ No _____

MOTION: ARTICLE 33 SAND AND SALT SHED

I move that the Town vote to raise and appropriate the sum of \$200,000 for potential purchase of land and construction of a new sand and salt shed for the Highway Department.

Submitted by the Selectboard

By: Dan Gray Yes _____ No _____

MOTION: ARTICLE 34 RENEWABLE ENERGY PURCHASES

I move that the Town vote to authorize the Board of Selectmen to enter into renewable energy purchase and/or net metering credit purchase agreements, including solar energy and related net metering credits, for terms of more than three years, and to take all actions necessary to implement and administer such agreements.

Submitted by the Energy Committee

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By: Robert Pasteris Yes _____ No _____

MOTION: ARTICLE 35 BUCKET TRUCK REVOLVING FUND

I move that the Town vote to authorize a revolving fund for the maintenance and operation of the Highway Department's bucket truck per the provisions of Massachusetts General Laws, Chapter 44, §53E ½, for which revenues received from other towns as their share of the cost of ownership and operation of the bucket truck will be deposited into the fund and expended to pay related costs under the direction of the Selectboard, and total expenditures for the fiscal year beginning July 1 next will be limited to \$2,000.00, with all money remaining in the fund at the end of each fiscal year, and to raise and appropriate \$300 therefor. **Submitted by the Selectboard**

By: Jack Spanbauer Yes _____ No _____

MOTION: ARTICLE 36 SOLDIER'S RELIEF ACCOUNT

I move that the Town vote to transfer from available funds the sum of \$8,000 to supplement the FY 2014 Soldier's Relief Account. **Submitted by the Selectboard**

By: Jed Proujansky Yes _____ No _____

MOTION: ARTICLE 37 TRANSFER TO THE STABILIZATION FUND

I move that the Town vote to transfer from available funds a sum of money to the Stabilization Fund. **Submitted by the Finance Committee**

By: Lois Stearns Yes _____ No _____

MOTION: ARTICLE 38 REDUCING THE TAX LEVY

I move that the Town vote to instruct the Assessors to transfer from available funds (free cash) \$131,000 for the purpose of reducing the Tax Levy for Fiscal Year 2015. **Submitted by the Finance Committee**

By: Lois Stearns Yes _____ No _____